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## Spy's activities have officials wary of 'chilling effect'

### Sentencing hearing.

Experts argue about potential damage done by Jeffrey Paul Delisle



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Top Canadian security officials say the spying activities of a Bedford navy intelligence officer have affected the country's relationship with allies and could place secret sources in harm's way.

The three Crown witnesses spoke at Halifax provincial court Thursday for the sentencing of Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle.

Delisle, 41, has pleaded guilty to one charge of breach of trust and two charges of passing information to a foreign entity that could harm Canada's interests.

The witnesses, representing the Defence Department, Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and Communi-

### Quoted

**"There is a risk that we'll be cut off from certain intelligence."**

Michelle Tessier, CSIS director general of internal security

cations Security Establishment Canada (CSEC), argued that the scope of the damage of Delisle's actions is still unknown.

Michelle Tessier, director general of internal security at CSIS, said the duration of Delisle's espionage — about five years — is "extremely concerning to us."

She said two of the agency's documents that Delisle attempted to transmit to the Russians in January 2012 contained information that could potentially identify CSIS sources.

"That will ... have a chilling effect on our other human sources or future human sources," said Tessier, adding that there is a "potential loss of life."

But defence lawyer Mike Taylor argued that Tessier was

speculating.

"You're offering an opinion without definite confirmation.... It's your best guess," said Taylor.

The CSEC's James Abbott testified that Delisle's betrayal has hindered the country's relationship with the so-called Five Eyes group, which consists of Canada, Great Britain, the United States, New Zealand and Australia. Abbott said the U.S. has increased its level of security for Canada as a "direct result" of Delisle's actions.

Taylor called security expert Wesley Wark of the University of Toronto, who argued the assessments by the government agencies convey "theoretical harm" and are difficult to substantiate.

He also argued that the likelihood that Canada will be cut off from the Five Eyes group is low.

Delisle went to the Russian Embassy in Ottawa in July 2007 to offer his services for money, Crown lawyer Lyne Decarie told the court.

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# Minister promises to keep elementary classes small

## By the numbers.

Classes will be capped at 25 students up to Grade 3



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The province's education minister says elementary school classes in Nova Scotia will remain capped next year and "into the future."

On Thursday in a primary classroom at Grosvenor Wentworth Park Elementary, Minister Ramona Jennex said her department will provide funding to keep primary through Grade 3 classes at 25 students or less.

"This is now part of the funding formula," Jennex said. "We've met with all of the school boards to make sure the ... formula is meeting the needs of our schools."

Jennex didn't know how much funding would be needed to maintain the cap, as the budget is still being developed, but said it should be ready within the next two weeks.

"We needed to get this information (out) so that school boards could do their staffing

## Opposition critique

"They gutted education and now they're having to backtrack."

MLA Kelly Regan on the NDP

components early," Jennex said.

While \$13.4 million was cut from education budgets last year, Jennex said Thursday that 73 teachers were hired this fall to keep the cap in place — not the 45 previously announced.

Kelly Regan, Liberal MLA for Bedford-Birch Cove, said the announcement is an admission by the NDP government their plan to cut education to the bone hasn't worked.

She said the Liberals have tabled a bill to cap primary through Grade 2 classes at 20 students, and Grade 3 through 6 classes at 25.

Jennex responded saying the new positions were needed to cover an unforeseen increase in students in growth areas.

"We recognize there was a little bit of confusion," Jennex said. "It's disappointing to hear that the Liberals would say that the disruption was problematic. I felt it was positive — we responded where there were pressures."



Teacher Kembly Flynn answers questions from her primary class at Ecole Grosvenor Wentworth Park School on Thursday. The government announced that they intend to keep class-size caps in place for next year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Pit-bull owner says attack not her fault



Natasha Parker, 20, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of owning a dangerous animal after an attack on a young child. METRO FILE

The owner of a pit bull that bit a four-year-old girl in December said the incident was not her fault because she didn't know there were visitors in her home.

Natasha Parker, 20, appeared in Dartmouth Provincial Court Thursday and pleaded not guilty to the charge of having a dangerous animal.

"No one told me that there was going to be company and to make sure that my dog would be locked up. That's why I'm pleading not guilty," Parker

said about the incident in her Arklow Drive home.

She said although the dog was supposed to be locked in a room, "someone came out ... and thought they shut the door all the way but they didn't, and the dog got out."

Parker said the girl who was bitten and her father were friends of her parents.

She didn't see the attack happen, but Parker said her pit bull, four-year-old Sosha, "freaked and snapped," when

the little girl tried to pet her.

Parker said Sosha has always been friendly towards her own one-year-old daughter and her friends' children.

"My dog just licks them all the time," she said.

When Parker's daughter is not around, she said the dog gets "sooky" and worries about new people in the home.

The girl was taken for stitches in her face, and the city seized Sosha soon afterwards.

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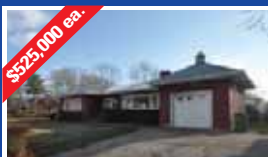
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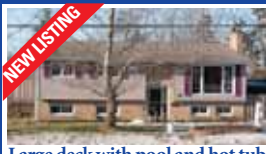
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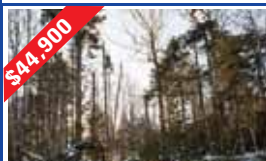
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Contract talks

## StFX faculty, administration to restart collective bargaining

Contract talks are to resume between St. Francis Xavier University and its striking faculty association.

No date has been set, but an association news release suggested that negotiations will begin as soon as it's practical to hold them.

It says the school administration will extend an invitation to the union when it is ready to resume talks.

Association president Peter McInnis held

informal meetings on Thursday with university president Sean Riley and the chief negotiators for both sides in the dispute.

Thursday marked the fourth day of a strike by about 400 professors and other academic staff at the university in Antigonish, which has about 4,200 students.

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Groundhog Day

## Shubenacadie Sam ready for star turn

One of North America's three most famous rodents is set for his annual turn in the spotlight.

Shubenacadie Sam will emerge from his pen at Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

According to folklore, if the groundhog sees his shadow, there are six more weeks of winter in store. If he doesn't, spring is just around the corner. The park will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday with free admission and hot drinks.

Sam will be joining fellow forecasters Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania and Wiarton Willie in Ontario.

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Sam will show meteorologists how it's done on Saturday.  
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# Sentence prospects vary widely for navy spy

**Facing hefty penalty.** Maximum sentence for passing information is life in prison



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The Crown and defence in a landmark espionage case are expected to deliver differing sentence recommendations for a Bedford navy intelligence officer who sold military se-

crets to Russia.

The two sides are set to make arguments in Day 2 of Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle's sentencing hearing on Friday at Halifax provincial court.

Delisle — who is set to become the first person sentenced under Canada's Security of Information Act — pleaded guilty in October to one charge of breach of trust and two charges of passing information to a foreign entity that could harm Canada's interests.

The breach-of-trust charge carries a maximum sentence of five years, while the other charges carry life sentences.

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor wouldn't reveal what sentence he'll be recommending, but said the two sides are far apart.

Crown lawyer Lyne Decarie would not comment.

Delisle, 41, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and glasses, sat quietly during the proceedings, occasionally jotting down notes and whispering to his lawyer.

After Decarie read an agreed statement of facts, Judge Patrick Curran asked Delisle if he agreed with it, to which he faintly replied, "Yes, your honour."



Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle will be the first person to be sentenced under the Security of Information Act.  
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## How do you measure the speed of sound? Find out on Friday

NSCAD students Jessamyn Vanechuk, left, and Wesley Norris perform one last check on their Cassette Car Racer on Thursday. On Friday, the Design Studio students will race their cassette cars at the Port Campus. The event, which gets underway at 1:30 p.m., is free and open to the public. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Province does about-face on U-vints

The NDP government will change a law that bans small businesses from producing wine and beer in their stores.

The province said Thursday that its Crown liquor corporation will also drop injunctions against Wine Kitz Halifax and Water 'n' Wine in New Glasgow.

The NDP introduced regulatory changes in 2011 giving the Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. the authority to seek a court



ROSS LANDRY  
METRO FILE

order to prevent businesses from letting customers use brew kits on their premises.

The ensuing court case uncorked a torrent of condemnation among opposition parties, entrepre-

neurs and hobbyists.

Employees at Wine Kitz Halifax cheered when they learned the news.

"I'm thrilled beyond belief because it's been a bit of a nightmare," owner Ross Harrington said. "I'm really proud of all Nova Scotians. Nova Scotians stood up and made their voice heard."

Justice Minister Ross Landry said the government will study the law in other

provinces and develop new regulations.

"We've heard from many Nova Scotians that they want the choice to make wine and beer in a retail setting," Landry said on Thursday in a news release.

"Moving in this direction will also ensure a level playing field for all retailers who want to provide this service to their customers."

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# Saying goodbye to the brains of the operation

## Headed west.

Renowned Halifax neurosurgeon says he'll miss 'everything' about living in N.S.



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While Halifax will be losing neurosurgeon Ivar Mendez in the spring when he leaves for Saskatchewan, the work he will be doing there could cut surgery wait times and ensure access to top-notch care for all Nova Scotians.

Mendez, head of neurosurgery at Dalhousie University for the last 12 years and founder of the Brain Repair Centre, has accepted a position as unified department head at the department of surgery at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region.

He said it was an exciting job to take because Saskatchewan has cut wait times to 8-12 months, with plans to go further.

"By 2014, anybody in Saskatchewan that needs any

type of surgery, from a cataract ... to brain tumour, will have their surgery in three months," Mendez said.

Mendez has worked on robotic technology that allows a doctor to treat patients in their hometown from a hospital hundreds of kilometres away, which he will implement in Saskatchewan — and hopes to expand here.

"I'm interested that an individual that ... lives in Digby Neck, and an individual that lives in Halifax, have roughly the same timely access to care," he said.

But Mendez said he had a "mixed reaction" when he heard he had been chosen as the preferred candidate for the job.

"I have a spiritual attachment to Nova Scotia. I consider myself a Nova Scotian," said Mendez, who is originally from Bolivia and has lived in Halifax for 18 years.

He said he hopes Dalhousie finds someone with vision and leadership to continue the work he started.

"I've been working with this child for 18 years and I want to see this child continue to mature. I've invested a lot in that," he said about



World-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Ivar Mendez of the Brain Repair Centre in Halifax is leaving to take on a new position at the University of Saskatchewan.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Quote

"That's been the perception ... that Nova Scotia is fisheries and gas, but the truth is there's more than that."

Dr. Ivar Mendez

his work.

Mendez has also put the city on the map with his Halifax Injector, which places stem cells into delicate areas exactly where they're needed.

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working on stem cells that act like a pacemakers, so that eventually the machines won't be needed.

"We have a good track record of innovation.... We build wooden ships and now we're

building high technology," Mendez said.

"I feel that it's very appropriate for this instrument of the future to have the name of Halifax."

Mendez finishes his work

in February and will go to Saskatchewan in June. But, he said, he will always keep in touch with patients here.

"This is a small world, and with technology you can be everywhere," he said.

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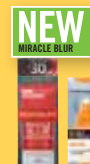
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# Employed no more? Harper rebuffs MPs' attempt to get abortions investigated



This isn't the first time Sen. Patrick Brazeau has been chastised for a loose tongue. In this image, he accepts the Bad Sport Award at the National Press Gallery Dinner in Gatineau in November. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Consequences. Senator faces calls for punishment after mocking Chief Spence



MORGAN MODJESKI  
Metro in Saskatoon

Some Idle No More organizers want repercussions for Sen. Patrick Brazeau after he made what they say are inappropriate comments about Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence at a Conservative fundraising event.

Brazeau referred to Spence's "so-called hunger strike" in addressing about 80 people at a Legion hall in Ottawa and mocked her physical shape.

"I was sick two weeks ago," Brazeau said. "I had the flu and I lost five pounds. I look at Miss

Spence, when she started her hunger strike, and now?" A voice then called out, "She's fatter," which drew laughter from much of the audience.

Erica Lee, one of the many organizers of the Idle No More movement, said although she's not surprised by the senator's remarks, she feels there should be consequences.

"It is frustrating, because he is a First Nations senator, and to have ... him make extremely racist and sexist comments towards Theresa Spence ... is very disheartening," said Lee.

Lee added she feels Brazeau's position as a senator should be reviewed and noted it may be too late for apologies.

Metro tried to reach Brazeau for comment, but phone calls to his constituency office were not returned.

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## Response in the House

## Tories dodge controversy

The Conservative government defended its handling of aboriginal issues Thursday and sidestepped the disparaging comments made by two members of Stephen Harper's caucus.

Neither Prime Minister Harper nor Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan took an opportunity to condemn the comments. Instead, they emphasized the government's focus on creating jobs.

"I was personally a little sickened by it," said the NDP's Charlie Angus.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper says while some of his Conservative MPs may not agree, abortion is legal in Canada.

Harper made the comments while under questioning in the House of Commons over a letter written by three Tory MPs who want the RCMP to investigate hundreds of abortions as possible homicides.

"I think all members of this house, whether they agree with it or not, understand that abortion is legal in Canada, and this government, myself included, has made it very clear that the government does not intend to change the law in this regard," Harper said Thursday.

The MPs from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario made the request on House of Commons letterhead to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

They call the abortions "possible murders" that require a thorough police investigation.

## Infanticide?

"These are vulnerable, innocent children that homicide has been perpetrated on."

Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott, of Saskatoon-Wanuskewin

tigation.

"From 2000 to 2009 in Canada, there were 491 abortions of 20 weeks gestation and greater that resulted in live births," reads the letter dated Jan. 23. "This means that the aborted child died after it was born."

The letter is signed by MPs Maurice Vellacott of Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, Leon Benoit of Vegreville-Wainwright and Wladyslaw Lizon of Mississauga East-Cooksville.

Officials at RCMP national headquarters in Ottawa said they have received the letter, but declined further comment.

In their letter, the MPs wrote that the RCMP is in the best position to investigate their allegations.

As controversy swirled around the letter in Ottawa, one of the signatories, Benoit, tried to qualify some of the concerns expressed in it.

"I read the letter again just now and I signed this while I was on holidays and I guess I wasn't taking the normal care," he told reporters. "But I thought the letter said exactly what I said — there was an attempted abortion, the baby was born alive, then killed."

"In fact, that's not what it says. It says there was an at-

## Criminal Code

- **Personhood.** According to the Criminal Code, a child is a human being when it emerges completely from the womb — whether or not the umbilical cord has been severed, it is breathing on its own or has "independent circulation."
- **Homicide.** Section 223 (2) says a person commits homicide when he causes injury to a child before or during its birth as a result of which the child dies after becoming a human being.

tempted abortion, the baby was born alive and died as a result of the injuries caused through the attempted abortion."

Benoit clarified that he is not taking issue specifically with the 19-week mark.

"This has got to do with law enforcement — a live baby, viable, born and then killed," he said. "That breaks Canadian law, so that's what it is all about."

"We are talking about live babies who are killed."

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# Minister Jim Flaherty reveals rare skin disorder

The skin condition afflicting Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is one that can generally be brought under control with a regimen of drugs.

But getting there may take awhile, doctors say.

Flaherty reluctantly revealed in an interview with The Globe and Mail this week that he is suffering from bullous pemphigoid, an uncommon and sometimes painful autoimmune condition.

Questions about his health have been swirling for months after the formerly trim finance minister put on a noticeable amount of weight. More tell-

ingly, his face appeared to balloon, a telltale sign of the use of corticosteroids.

Bullous pemphigoid is, fortunately for Flaherty, not the most severe of the diseases in its class, says Dr. Michael Camilleri, an expert on the condition who works at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. It is also a condition that is very responsive to treatment, he says.

Still, the disease can be unpleasant, with fluid-filled blisters forming in creases in the skin — the groin, the armpits — or on the torso, limbs, or even in the mouth or around the eyes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty  
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## Diane-35

## Drug under review after French ban

Health Canada says it is reviewing all available information on the drug Diane-35 following France's decision to ban it following four deaths over the last 25 years.

The four women died of blood clots linked to their use of Diane-35, an acne drug that is also widely prescribed "off-label" as a contraceptive.

France plans to withdraw

Diane-35, licensed in 135 countries, from sale in three months. Meanwhile, doctors are banned from prescribing the medication.

Available since 1998 in Canada, Diane-35 is approved only for the temporary treatment of severe acne in women who are unresponsive to other treatments, Health Canada said Thursday.

Blood clots are a rare but well-known side-effect of birth control pills, said the federal department, noting

that the product monograph for the drug contains clear warnings about this potential adverse effect.

Health Canada said Diane-35 should not be used in patients with a history of smoking or being overweight.

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## Arizona. Murder-suicide perpetrator kills CEO, wounds lawyer

A body found early Thursday among bushes in an Arizona suburb has been positively identified as the man who killed a company CEO and critically wounded a lawyer a day earlier, police said.

A landscaper found the body of Arthur Douglas Harmon, 70. He died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, and a handgun was also found, police said. Nearby in a parking lot was a rented Kia Optima sedan he drove to the shooting scene on Wednesday, authorities said.

Harmon drew a gun and shot both men at the end of a mediation session Wednesday morning at an office building in north-central Phoenix, police said.

Steve Singer, 48, died hours later. Mark Hummels, 43, is in critical condition. A 32-year-old woman was also shot but suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

"We believe the two men were the targets. It was not a random shooting," said Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Harmon also shot at someone who tried to follow him to get his licence-plate number, authorities said.

"As he left the scene, an

### Call-centre connection

One of the gunman's victims was the CEO of Fusion Contact Centers LLC.

- The gunman — Arthur Douglas Harmon — was hired by Fusion to refurbish office cubicles at two call centres in California.
- According to court documents, Harmon was scheduled to go to a law office in the building where the shooting took place for a settlement conference in a lawsuit he filed last April against Fusion.

individual witness got in his own car and actually followed Harmon in his Optima, and he drove into a neighbourhood and Harmon actually got out of his car and shot at that witness," Thompson said.

Colleagues of Hummels described him as a smart, competent and decent man who was a rising star in his profession and dedicated to his wife, nine-year-old daughter and seven-year-old son.

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# Palestinians say UN report proves 'ethnic cleansing'

## Settlement policy.

United Nations states Israel is undermining Palestinians' right to self-determination

The United Nations' first report on Israel's overall settlement policy describes it as a "creeping annexation" of territory that clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and calls for Israel to immediately stop further such construction.

The report's conclusions, revealed Thursday, are not legally binding, but they further inflame tensions between the UN Human Rights Council and Israel, and between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli officials immediately denounced the report, while Palestinians pointed to it as "proof of Israel's policy of ethnic cleansing" and its desire to undermine the possibility of a Palestinian state.

The Palestinians also hinted that they could use the report as a basis for legal action toward a war crimes prosecution.

In its report to the 47-



The West Bank Jewish settlement of Modiin Illit is seen in the background of this file photo. On Thursday, the United Nations' first report on the broad policy of Israeli settlements concluded that the Israeli government's practice of "creeping annexation" clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and called for an immediate halt. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

nation council, a panel of investigators said Israel is violating international humanitarian law under the Fourth Geneva Convention, one of the treaties that establish the ground rules for what is considered

humane during wartime.

This was the first thematic report on Israel's settlements with a historical look at the government's policy since 1967, UN officials said.

Previous UN reports have taken a look at Israeli settle-

ment policy only through the lens of a specific event, such as the 2009 war in the Gaza Strip, when Israel launched an offensive in response to months of rocket fire by the ruling Hamas militant group.

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### Venezuela

## Year of bloody prison riots

A Venezuelan watchdog group says the country's latest bloody prison clash came after a year in which 591 inmates were killed in the country's troubled prisons.

The Venezuelan Prisons Observatory released last year's death toll on Thursday, saying it was the highest it has recorded during the 14 years of President Hugo Chavez. The number of deaths in prison riots and other violence in 2012 was up about five per cent from the previous year.

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### Las Vegas Strip

## Saudi sergeant on trial for sex assault

A Saudi Arabia air force sergeant was ordered Thursday to stand trial for the sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy on New Year's Eve in a Las Vegas Strip hotel room.

A defence attorney for 23-year-old Mazen Alotaibi and a Saudi consulate legal attaché huddled with prosecutors for two hours before Alotaibi waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

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### Sex crimes

## U.S. man to admit he lured teens

A U.S. man has agreed to plead guilty to charges alleging that he tricked about a dozen teenagers into stripping or performing sexual acts for him via webcam and used recordings of those sessions to coerce them into making even more explicit videos.

Richard Finkbiner signed a court agreement in Indiana on Wednesday in which he will plead guilty to child exploitation, extortion and possession of child pornography in exchange for a jail sentence of 30 to 50 years.

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### Egyptian police

## Use of force brings Mubarak to mind

With near impunity and the backing of the Islamist president, Egyptian police have been accused of firing wildly at protesters, beating them and lashing out with deadly force in clashes across much of the country the past week, regaining their Hosni Mubarak-era notoriety as a tool of repression. Nearly 60 people have been killed and hundreds injured.

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## Helping children a dangerous job in Pakistan

A Pakistani schoolgirl, who was displaced with her family from Pakistan's tribal areas due to fighting between militants and the army, receives a polio vaccine from a health worker at her school in a poor neighbourhood on the outskirts of Islamabad on Thursday. A roadside bomb killed two Pakistani anti-polio workers on their way to vaccinate children in a northwestern tribal region near the Afghan border on Thursday, an official said.

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## Human Rights Watch. Somali rape victim faces years in prison

The Somali government has charged a woman who said she was raped by security forces, according to an international human rights group.

Human Rights Watch says the case is politically motivated and that a journalist who interviewed the woman was also charged.

Three other people, including the woman's husband, were charged with assisting the alleged rape victim to evade investigators. The rights group said in a statement Wednesday that the Somali government should drop the politically-motivated charges.

The woman was charged in Mogadishu court Tuesday of insulting a government body, inducing false evidence, simulating a criminal offence and making a false accusation while journalist Abdiiaziz Abdirinsh has been charged with insulting a government body and inducing the woman to give false evidence.

Under the Somali penal code Abdirinsh faces up to four years in prison for the first charge and two years for the second.

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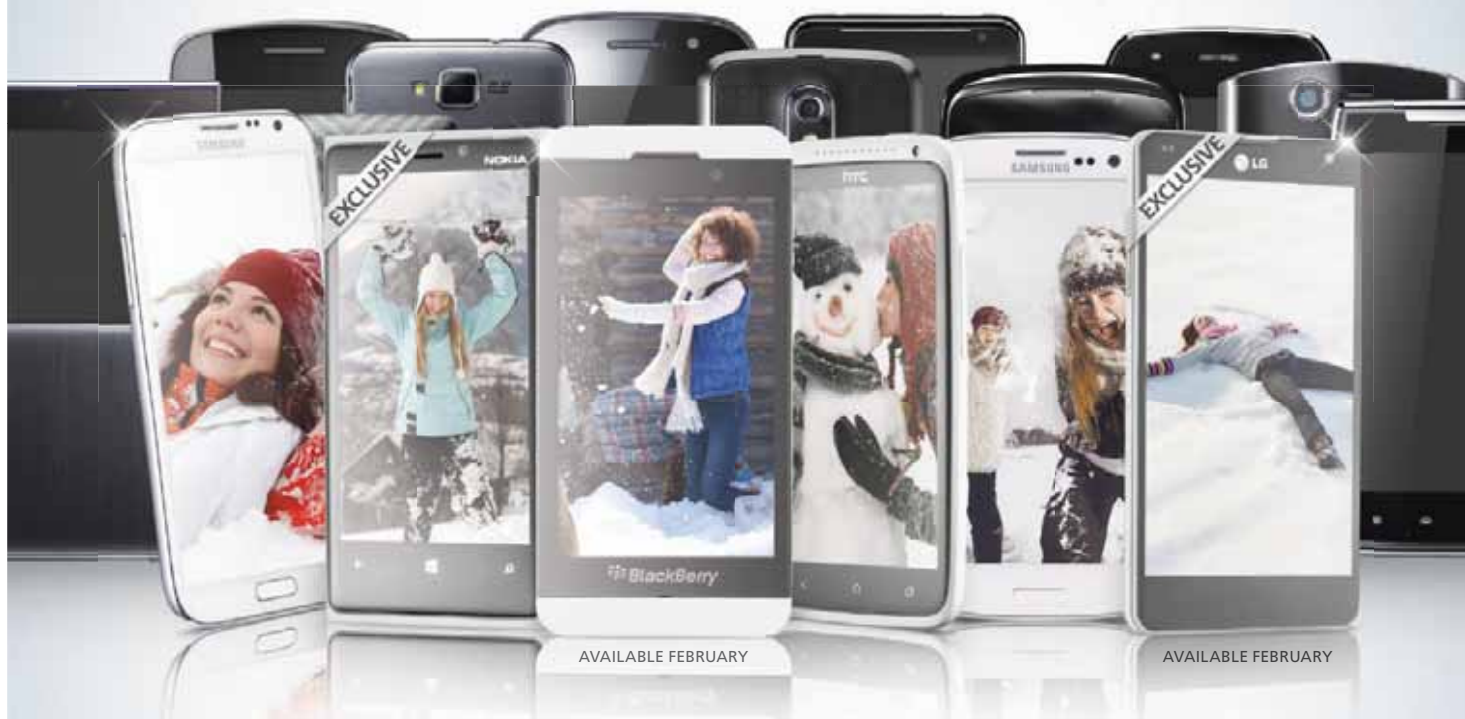
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# Youth education the next step in avalanche safety

## Expanded services dependant on dollars.

Education in remote mountain communities a priority for CAC



**MATT KIELTYKA**  
Metro in Vancouver

Avalanche safety has come a long way since the lives of seven Calgary students were lost during an ill-fated field trip in British Columbia's backcountry 10 years ago today.

Fatality rates have stabilized in the face of increasing backcountry use, more people are getting properly trained and equipped before heading into the mountains, and public awareness is on the rise.

Those successes can be directly attributed to aggressive reform after the 2003 Connaught Creek avalanche, but the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC) is well aware more work could be done.

But that becomes a question of funding. And it's an unanswered question.

"It depends a lot on what people want us to do," said Karl Klassen, acting executive director of the CAC.

"If people are happy with our services the way they are, I think we're in good shape."

The CAC — which, among many other tasks, is responsible for public avalanche forecasting and sets the standards for public avalanche-training courses and equipment — has a projected budget of \$1.8 million this year.

Its federal funding enters the final year of a three-year cycle in 2014 and then it's back to the negotiating table.

Klassen doesn't think securing funding to maintain the CAC's status quo will be a problem, but some (both within the CAC and outside) are asking whether that level of service goes far enough.

"There have been a number of calls to expand services," Klassen said.

"For example, we don't do forecasts for the north Rockies. We're working on a project to see how we can go about it, but it will take more money."

Klassen sees the centre focusing on three pillars in the

## Ongoing process

## Parks Canada strives to stay ahead of curve

Parks Canada is always working to be at the forefront of avalanche safety.

Mountain-risk specialist Grant Statham says fine-tuning and tailoring of public alerts, bulletins and information is an ongoing process.

"I would say what you see in the public domain today — we're a year or two ahead of that," said Statham. "At least, I hope so. We're always looking at how to better communicate with people. We want them to be better educated, that's the most important thing."

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coming years: world-leading public avalanche information and bulletins, outreach and awareness programs and expanded youth education.

The third piece of that puzzle is perhaps the most critical going forward but is also underfunded.

"We'd love to expand youth education but we just don't have the resources for it," said Klassen. "There are many mountain communities, where avalanches are a fact of life, that just don't have much in the way of (avalanche) education."

He argues that children from kindergarten to Grade 8 in those communities must "be aware of the avalanche problem" and be taught skills that will serve them throughout life.

Even urban communities need greater youth education programs.

"Tons of people from Calgary go to the mountains every weekend," Klassen said. "(Education is) one of the cornerstones of what we should be doing, but unless we secure long-term additional funding we just can't do it."

It's an important decision that the CAC, and governments, will need to make over the next two years if Canada hopes to stay at the forefront of avalanche safety.



The role of instructors like Brent Hillier, pictured here at Seymour Provincial Park in B.C. on Jan. 20, is becoming crucial as the Canadian Avalanche Centre advocates more

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The Canadian Avalanche Centre says 7,000 people took an Avalanche Skills Training course last year. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

## Support group

Nearly 17 years ago, Beth Stewart got a phone call that no parent ever wants to get.

Her son Trevor Petersen, a legend in the world of extreme skiing, was killed at the height of his career in an avalanche in February 1996 in the mountains of Chamonix, France.

He was 34 and left behind his partner, Tanya, and his son, Kye, and daughter, Nève.

Petersen, the youngest of three, learned to love the

mountains at an early age from his brothers, Lindsay and Rick. He skied the most treacherous mountains in the world and graced the covers of many international magazines.

"I felt that my world had fallen in and I was lost after Trevor died," she says. "I missed his spirit, his love of life, of the mountains and his family."

Stewart spent two years undergoing therapy to deal with that loss and wondered

## Doing what he loved best

"He once said to me, 'Mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted.' But we all miss him."

Beth Stewart, founder of Parents of Lost Skiers Society, remembering her son Trevor Petersen

## By the numbers

# \$1.8M

The projected budget this year for the Canadian Avalanche Centre





# Justin Trudeau champions backcountry safety after loss

Justin Trudeau knows too well that an avalanche doesn't pause to ask a person's last name when it barrels down a mountain.

The Liberal leadership contender lost his youngest brother, Michel, when an avalanche swept him into B.C.'s Kokanee Lake while he was backcountry skiing in 1998. He was 23.

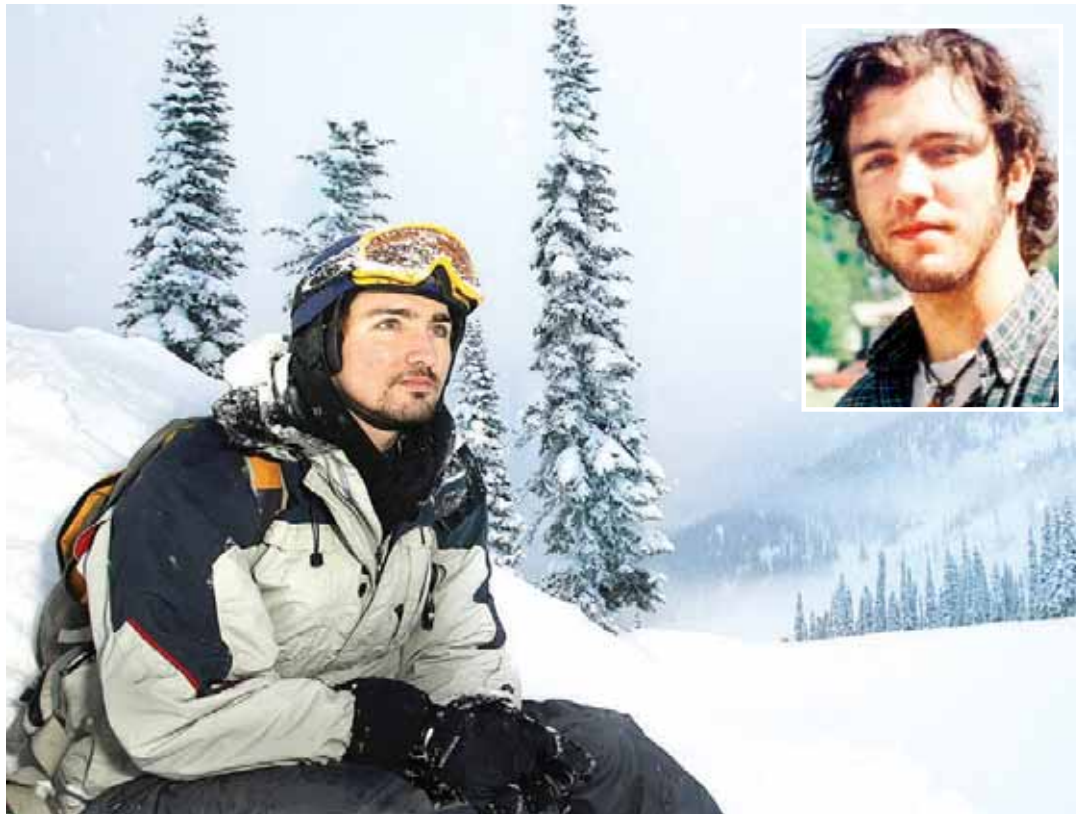
In the wake of the tragedy, Trudeau and his family became a force in raising awareness and funds for Canada's avalanche-safety organizations.

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation to —' and then we tried to figure out what the Canadian avalanche community was," Trudeau said in a phone interview from Prince George. "They needed support, and I got involved."

Trudeau worked with the Canadian Avalanche Association to secure stable funding from the B.C., Alberta and federal governments and to build the Canadian Avalanche Centre until he entered politics in 2006.

"For me it was an opportunity to get to know this amazing sport and to get to know this world so well that my brother loved so much. It got me closer to him and his memory," he said. "There's just an amazing group of people committed to our extraordinary wilderness and playing safe within it."

It took the Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School accident, where seven children on an outdoor-education trip died in a slide near B.C.'s Rogers Pass, he said, to change public perception toward avalanche awareness. He credits ski patrols, scientists and the backcountry community for putting Canada at the forefront of avalanche



Justin Trudeau, pictured in Fernie, B.C., on Jan. 9, 2004, and his family have taken a leadership role in avalanche awareness since his younger brother, Michel, inset, died in a B.C. avalanche accident in 1998. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

safety in the decade since.

Now, he says, it's important to turn toward structured avalanche education.

"We have a generation of people who are out there who are all about getting more extreme, getting more active, getting involved," he said, adding that better equipment has

## Fundraising

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation.'"

Justin Trudeau helped the Canadian Avalanche Association secure stable funding following the death of his brother, Michel

made the backcountry more accessible. "They need to be a little bit more aware so they

can take smart risks."

No stranger to the backcountry himself — he lived and

taught snowboarding in Whistler in 1997 — Trudeau understands the draw and the pure feeling of "earning your turns."

"It's not about preventing people from going out there; it's about giving them the tools and the knowledge to make sure they're doing it safely."

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## helps parents grieve

what she could do to help others.

She got together with five other moms who had lost sons and daughters on the mountains and formed a group called Parents of Lost Skiers (POLS) in 1998.

"My intention was to carry on his method, his way and his love of others by helping them as they go on through life," Stewart says.

Since then, Stewart has gotten thousands of phone calls and emails from parents all over the world eager to ask questions on how she survived and dealt with her grief.

A couple from Texas visited Stewart more than a year ago at her home in West Vancouver. Their son died on Mount Seymour in B.C. a few years ago.

## POLS' mission

Parents of Lost Skiers' mission statement:

- "To help, encourage and support parents who have lost a child to the mountains and to support the safety and the education of young people who feel the call of the mountains."

"We had lunch and talked. We parted, and the husband came running to me and told me what POLS meant to them," Stewart says. "He told me his wife two weeks ago had everything ready to commit suicide. She didn't want to

live if she couldn't be with her son."

Stewart had sent an email to the woman earlier, encouraging her to go day-by-day.

"She confessed to her husband that she's thrown all the stuff away and decided not to go through with it," she says. "She decided if one person can do it, then maybe she can do it."

Stewart says everything she does is a tribute to her son, who died doing what he loved best.

"He once said to me, 'Mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted,'" she says. "But we all miss him."

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Beth Stewart, one of the founders of Parents of Lost Skiers, lost her son Trevor Petersen in an avalanche in Chamonix, France, in 1996. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER



## Hostage standoff. Alleged killer remains with child in underground bunker

Speaking into a ventilation pipe, hostage negotiators tried to talk a man into releasing a five-year-old boy and ending a standoff at an underground bunker in rural Alabama that stretched into its third day.

The man identified by multiple neighbours and witnesses as 65-year-old retired truck driver Jimmy Lee Dykes was accused of pulling the boy from a school bus on Tuesday and killing the driver. The man and boy were holed up in a small room on his property that authorities compared to tornado shelters common in the area.

James Arrington, police chief of the neighbouring town of Pinckard, said the shelter was about four feet underground, with a ventilation pipe that negotiators were speaking through.

There were signs that the standoff could continue for some time: A state legislator said the shelter has electricity, food and TV. The police chief said the captor has been sleeping and told negotiators that he has spent long periods in the shelter before.

"He will have to give up sooner or later because (au-

### Local hero

Bus driver Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, was hailed by locals as a hero who gave his life to protect 21 students aboard a bus one child was taken from. Authorities say most students scrambled to the back of the bus when a gunman boarded and said he wanted two boys six to eight years old. When the gunman went down the aisle, Poland tried to block him.

thorities) are not leaving," Arrington said. "It's pretty small, but he's been known to stay in there eight days."

Midland City Mayor Virgil Skipper said he has been briefed by law enforcement and has visited with the boy's parents. "He's crying for his parents," he said.

The normally quiet road was teeming Thursday with more than a dozen police cars and trucks, a fire truck, a helicopter, media and at least one ambulance near Midland City, population 2,300.

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## For real this time

Beyoncé sings the national anthem during a news conference Thursday in New Orleans. The singer answered critics of her Inauguration Day performance the best way she could — with another sterling performance of the anthem. The difference? On Thursday, it was live. She admitted during her Super Bowl news conference that when she performed for President Barack Obama and the nation, she decided to sing to a prerecorded track because she didn't have time to practice. She said she wanted the day to go off without a hitch. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Blaer hitch. Icelandic teen wins bid to keep 'inappropriate' name

A 15-year-old Icelandic girl has been granted the right to legally use the name given to her by her mother, despite the opposition of authorities and Iceland's strict law on names.

Reykjavik District Court ruled Thursday that the name Blaer can be used. It means light breeze.

The decision overturns an earlier rejection by Icelandic authorities who declared it was not a proper feminine name. Until now, Blaer Bjark-

ardottir had been identified simply as Girl in communications with officials.

"I'm very happy," she said after the ruling. "I'm glad this is over. Now I expect I'll have to get new identity papers. Finally, I'll have the name Blaer in my passport."

Like a handful of other countries, including Germany and Denmark, Iceland has official rules about what a baby can be named.

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### Anderson Live

#### Acidattack victim's treatment paid for

A Quebec woman who was disfigured in an acid attack will have her scars treated by laser surgery in the U.S. — thanks to Anderson Cooper's show. Tanya St-Arnauld appeared on Anderson Live on Wednesday, where she received the news that a Florida-based dermatologist would fly her down for treatment.

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### Drug conversation

#### Pocket-dial leads to man's arrest

Authorities say a Florida truck driver landed in jail after his cellphone pocket-dialled the police and dispatchers listened in on a conversation about the sale of drugs. Deputies say 19-year-old Matthew Dollarhide was surprised when a Volusia County Sheriff's deputy pulled him over late Tuesday.

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# HMV tweets its match over mass firings

**Twitter outburst.**  
Verified account commandeered during layoff by music retailer

An employee apparently fired from music retailer HMV in the U.K. let loose on the company's Twitter feed Thursday, comparing the latest round of layoffs to a mass execution.

The rogue messages — which immediately attracted media attention — started with a missive saying "we're tweeting live from HR where we're all being fired! Exciting!"

"There are over 60 of us being fired at once! Mass execution, of loyal employees who love the brand," another message said.

The person's identity wasn't clear but the Twitter messages came from the company's verified account,



HMV's official Twitter feed. The tweets were later deleted. SCREEN GRAB

suggesting an employee was responsible.

In a statement, Deloitte, HMV's administrator, said that there had been 190 layoffs, most of them at the company's head office.

"Although such decisions are always difficult, it is a necessary step in restructuring the business to enhance the prospects of securing its future as a going concern," Deloitte's Nick Edwards said

in a statement.

Deloitte didn't immediately return a message seeking comment about the on-line outbursts, although it appears that someone eventually took control of the account. The offending Twitter messages — including one which said "what have we to lose? It's been a pleasure folks!" — were deleted about an hour after they were first sent out. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Retail pain. Sears lays off 700, Best Buy closes stores

Sears Canada announced Thursday it is laying off 700 workers across the country as part of a move to "right-size" the company and focus on restructuring its business.

The national retailer says 360 people are being laid off from its department stores and about 300 from its distribution centres. The remaining workers are being let go from head office and other support areas.

The job cuts will be across Canada.

Meanwhile, Best Buy Canada has closed eight Future Shop and seven Best Buy big-box stores across the country.

Some 900 employees will be laid off because of the closures, representing less than five per cent of Best Buy Canada's workforce, a spokeswoman said.

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### Market Minute

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**1** **Game of Thrones.** When Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced she would abdicate her throne in favour of her son,

some expected Queen Elizabeth to do the same, but Lizzie ain't budging. Prince Charles is 64 and has been in line for the throne since he was three, the longest wait in British history. Instead, poor Charles is relegated to the mundane tasks of travelling the world, eating at ridiculously overpriced restaurants, and watching the ballet.

**2** **Beam me up.** Russian astronauts aboard the International Space Station succeeded in transferring 400 megabytes of data to their ground station via laser communication channel for the first time in international practice. The breakthrough brings them one step closer to their eventual goal of downloading porn in space.

**3** **And speaking of porn.** Adult-film star Ron Jeremy was left in critical condition this week following the discovery of a heart aneurysm that required surgery. I wish him the best and a speedy recovery, but I'm guessing the situation may have been brought on by repeated shifts in the flow of blood. Just sayin'.

**4** **Bowl busters.** Super Bowl Sunday is looming and there has been more talk of Beyoncé lip-syncing than football. My position on this is best illustrated in the words of Steve Martin, who co-starred with the singer in the film *The Pink Panther*, when he says, "Stop badgering her. Can't you see she's sexy!?"

**5** **Why-arton?** Groundhog Day is upon us once again. Obviously there is no better scientific system of climate prognostication than for a subterranean rodent to tell us how many weeks are left of winter, but we wacky, unconventional types like to wing it with a crazy little instrument known to our ancestors as a CALENDAR.

**6** **Superstition.** This week in 1986, Diana Ross married Norwegian shipping magnate Arne Næss Jr. in Geneva. Stevie Wonder performed at the reception. The couple divorced in 2000, proving once again that Stevie's just bad luck.

**7** **Sexy brekkie.** Let's face it, Canadians love cereal. And sex. Not necessarily at the same time (and probably not in that order). Well, now Peter Ehrlich, a former columnist and radio host, has burst onto the breakfast market with *Sexcereal*. The tasty health food is sweeping the nation with gender-specific nutrients that also promote sexual health, but beware not to mix up the bags. I missed a half-day of work because I couldn't decide which shoes to wear. Watch *Dragons' Den* on Feb. 10 to find out more.

**8** **Can't buy me love.** What would Valentine's Day be if you couldn't buy yourself a date? Shannon Hunter's third annual Love A Heart bachelor/bachelorette auction will once again raise money for The Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event takes place at The Hideout in Toronto on Feb. 14, but guests from all over Canada are expected. Bachelors include Toronto Raptors host Kat Stefankiewicz, CBC's George Stroumbouloupoulos, and some fine-looking unknowns. Come by to shop, or just to pimp a friend.

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## The rainbow connection



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### Landscape photo

### Waterfall makes circular rainbow

This stunning image shows an almost full-circle rainbow at Victoria Falls. The amazing picture was taken by amateur photographer Nicole Cambré on the Zambian side of this impressive natural spectacle.

Cambré, a 42-year-old lawyer from Brussels, captured the shot from Livingstone Island, which is on the edge of the falls.

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### Photographer's viewpoint

"Capturing the rainbow over the falls was more challenging than I thought, especially with the spray. On Livingstone Island on top of the falls I finally managed to capture this full rainbow."

Nicole Cambré  
amateur photographer

### Full-circle phenomenon

### The lower the sun, the higher the bow

It's very rare to see a full-circle rainbow; the bottom is usually blocked by one's horizon.

The sun's height determines how much of an arc you see; the lower the sun, the higher the top of the rainbow. Some rainbows continue even below the horizon. Mountain climbers see more of a full-circle, while pilots have reported seeing genuine full-circle rainbows. METRO

### Rainbow by moonlight

### Don't need sun to make a rainbow

Victoria Falls is also famous for its "moonbows," or lunar rainbows.

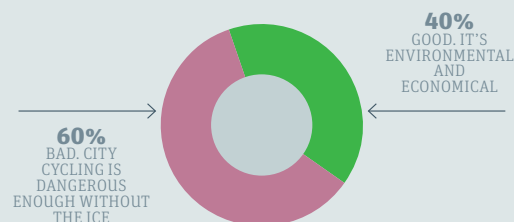
Moonlight shines on the water, and while it is hard for the human eye to detect it, the bow's colours will appear in long-exposure photographs.

The moonbows are rare because a number of conditions are required: The moon must be lower than 42 degrees in a very dark sky. METRO



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### Winter cycling — good idea or bad idea?



### Twitter

#### @m\_brand:

My newest follower has not ONE...not TWO...but THREE girls in bikinis in their avatar. Thanks for the follow, legitimately real person!

#### @TheUselessCoin:

I know my cats are STONE COLD KILLERS. That's why I keep them in my house. Would that all y'all did the same with your gross guns & cars.

#### @amandadugas:

Overheard in mall bathroom - mom to child "Sweetie, bug off!"

#### @Ebastos:

The wind is so strong that it's hard to walk outside. #halifax

#### @juliafeltham:

I am at @FREDfood and eating pure delight, and retroactively mortified how late in life I realized orzo wasn't rice. But so delicious!





A pair of glasses marks the entrance to the cornfield in Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash on Feb. 3, 1959. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reel Guys

RICHARD  
CROUSE AND  
MARK BRESLIN



# The day the music died

**Feb. 3, 1959.** The Reel Guys remember Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper with movie picks that pay tribute to their legacies

**Richard:** Mark, Buddy Holly was arguably the biggest star of the three musicians, so it's no surprise that he pops up in the most movies. Gary Busey is the most famous of the Holly impersonators, having been nominated for an Oscar for The Buddy Holly Story, but others have also donned the black rims to good effect. An unknown actor named Guy Kent raved on in a surreal retelling of Buddy's life called The Day the Music Died. Less successful was Frankie Muniz who should have been (Peggy) sued for his performance in Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story.

**Mark:** Buddy Holly was surely the genius of the three. And I

think The Buddy Holly Story did him justice. It was Gary Busey's last significant lead, and I think it's ironic that the madman actor played one of the few levelheaded stars of rock 'n' roll. La Bamba is a step down in rock biopics. Valens only had a nine-month career, and you can feel the story padding in the film. But worst of all was the sentimental ending with his brother blubbering on about the loss. Again, it was Lou Diamond Phillips' last significant lead before he became the straight-to-video champ.

**RC:** He may not be the biggest box office draw, but anyone who watched Celebrity Cook Off knows he's a helluva chef. I regard his homemade Wild Turkey Bourbon Barbecue Sauce as highly as his work in Young Guns or Stand and Deliver. But back to the movies. I liked La Bamba more than you, even though Phillips was way too old to play the 18-year-old singer. Most of it is Hollywood hokum, but the

music by Los Lobos is good! Maybe you'd enjoy Lives and Deaths of the Poets more. It's a collection of short skits about famous writers and musicians, including Valens.

**MB:** You'll notice no one is rushing to make The Big Bopper biopic. But here's a guy who would have been a footnote in rock history except that he got on that ill-fated plane, forever linking him in our minds with the great Buddy Holly. Bad life choice for the Bopper, but ultimately a good career move.

**RC:** I think his life would make a good movie. He was a colourful character — a singer, a flamboyant DJ who wrote some big hits for other people. If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a Big Bopper biopic.

**MB:** I suspect the Freed movie, American Hot Wax, was as much about the art-

Synopsis

For music fans of a certain age, Feb. 3 is a day to observe a moment of silence. Known as the day the music died, it's the day, in 1959, when a small plane crashed outside Clear Lake, Iowa, killing rock 'n' rollers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

Fair's fair

"If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a Big Bopper biopic."

Richard Crouse

ists that revolved around him as Freed himself. Not a half-bad movie either.

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# Jason Bateman puts on a familiar Identity

**Interview.** Arrested Development star talks about the move to Netflix and his new comedy project Identity Thief

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Being the straight man in a comedy can be a thankless job, but Jason Bateman has no problem with that. His latest, Identity Thief, finds him taking on Melissa McCarthy's titular con woman. Plus, this spring he gets to reprise his best-loved straight man role, as put-upon Michael Bluth in Arrested Development, when the cult hit returns with new episodes on Netflix. Still, if you've got a more outland-

ish comedy role in mind, he's willing to listen.

**Do you find it at all insulting to be asked how hard it is to keep a straight face opposite someone like Melissa McCarthy?**

No, actually, I've never taken it that way. That's tough to do, and I fail miserably at it repeatedly, especially with Melissa. You've just got to have the camera on her

alone so that when I start laughing you don't see my shoulders bouncing up and down in the foreground.

**You've made quite a career of playing the straight man, but have you been looking for parts beyond that type?**  
Yeah, I mean I would enjoy doing that. Send them. I'll read them and do them. But I get most of my opportunities doing what people have seen

me do before, and I don't think that's too dissimilar from most actors. You kind of get offered what people expect to see you in. So it's up to me to start to steer the ship in another direction if I want some changes. And I do, every once in a while. That was one of the things that really attracted me to a film I did with Ryan Reynolds called the Change-Up. It didn't really work at the box office or critically, but we had a really good time doing it.

**Was it Melissa or writer Craig Mazin who kept adding in jokes about you having mangled junk in Identity Thief?**

Well, Craig's pretty filthy. Craig wrote a script that didn't need any ad-libbing whatsoever to make it funny, and so we didn't do a lot of that. We would every once in a while make stuff up to crack each other up and make the crew laugh, but this isn't one of those movies where it's, 'Boy, thank God those actors improvised because otherwise it wouldn't be funny.' Craig Mazin did a really, really good job.

**So he's the one obsessed with you having messed-up junk?**

He loves my junk. Or he loves my messed-up junk. He wants bad things to happen

to it because I won't give it to him.

**True or false: You are the only Bluth family member to appear in each of the new episodes of Arrested Development.**

I believe that is true. I haven't seen them, he's still editing them, but that was the goal when Mitch (Hurwitz) and I talked about these episodes early on. There was a question as to whether the finances or the scheduling would allow for all of us to be in every episode, and I said, 'Whatever it takes schedule-wise or finance-wise, I'm your guy.' So we worked it out and we just made sure that I was done with all of my duties before I had to go off and do something else.

**Any word on returning guest stars?**

I think Mitch has already said that a few people are coming back. I think he's mentioned Carl Weathers and Henry Winkler and ... who else did he mention? James Lipton and Andy Richter. There's many more. And then his ideas for the movie are just insane. So hopefully Act II and Act III will happen, which is the movie. I can't wait to see what he does with all this footage. We still have a little bit of additional stuff to do. I work one more day on it in a week or two.

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Jason Bateman is getting used to playing the straight-man role in comedy projects. HANDOUT

## Correction Notice

The information which ran on Page 19 from Tues Jan 29th 2013 edition of Metro Halifax pertaining to the Museum of Natural History and Maritime Museum of the Atlantic should have read:

The Museum of Natural History welcomes back Little Ray's Reptile Zoo with a new exhibit that explores Life in the Desert. This exhibit features live animals including scorpions, large tortoises, snakes and more. There are live shows daily which allow visitors to interact with the various animals. The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic will offer Pirates on the Seven Seas this March Break. Daily activities and fun for the whole family await.



**Romantic Comedy**



**Warm Bodies**

**Director.** Jonathan Levine

**Stars.** Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer

Warm Bodies doesn't stink nearly as much as I imagine its leading character would. A rom-com set in an apocalyptic near-future ruled by rambling rotten corpses, the film focuses on a love-lorn zombie crushing on a gorgeous living girl. Basically a spin on Romeo and Juliet (if Romeo were dead, that is), the comedy has youthful quirk and charm, but its modesty will likely aggravate purists looking for cinematic zombie gore.

STEVE GOW

**Comedy**



**Stand Up Guys**

**Director.** Fisher Stevens

**Stars.** Al Pacino, Alan Arkin, Christopher Walken

This story of three old hoodlums on one last adventure is slightly less than the sum of its parts. Combined, the leads — Al Pacino, Alan Arkin and Christopher Walken — bring with them more than a century of screen work, and it shows. It's too bad, then, that the material contains Viagra jokes that would seem more appropriate in a Grumpy Old Men movie. That and the long shadow of Tarantino that blankets almost every scene leaves the film feeling less than original despite the engaging performances. **RICHARD CROUSE**

**Zombies vs. vampires**

"I think tonally it's very different — Warm Bodies to Twilight. There's a lot of comedy, we don't take ourselves too seriously. But having said that, we of course embrace comparisons in a sense because Twilight is a hugely successful franchise and if we can find half the audience that Twilight has I think we'd be very happy."

Teresa Palmer, during a recent interview in Toronto, when asked if people would compare Warm Bodies to Twilight  
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# Argo goes from long shot to Oscar favourite

**Movies.** Argo to compete with two other pieces from American history: Lincoln and Zero Dark Thirty

Some years, Academy Awards voters just want to feel right about themselves, their industry, their country. And maybe honour one of their own who hasn't always shared in the love of his peers.

That could explain why Ben Affleck's Argo has gone from best-picture long shot to Oscar favourite over such competitors as Steven Spielberg's stately but talky Civil War portrait Lincoln or Kathryn Bigelow's brilliant yet contentious CIA thriller Zero Dark Thirty.

Argo is a feel-good thrill ride that's patriotic enough to warrant a good "USA! USA!" chant as the credits roll. It's all about how Hollywood helped save some lives. And a best-picture win could be viewed as righting a wrong after Affleck inexplicably missed out on a best-director nomination.

"There's a surge to embrace Ben Affleck in the aftermath of his Oscar snub. It seems like such an outrage that his film is benefiting from it as a result,"

said Tom O'Neil, who runs the awards website GoldDerby.com. "It really is a pro-Argo movement more than it is a kind of shrug off of Lincoln or a disparagement of Zero Dark Thirty. Hollywood is rallying around one of their wounded own."

Argo is one of three true-life best-picture nominees steeped in different eras of U.S. history. Spielberg's Lincoln, which leads the Oscars with 12 nominations and looked like the front-runner until Argo began winning top honours at other awards shows, is a towering study of Abraham Lincoln as he manoeuvres to end the war and pass the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. Argo tells of a little-known victory amid an otherwise enervating chapter in American foreign affairs during the Iran hostage crisis. Bigelow's Zero Dark Thirty is a sombre story of this last dark decade as the CIA builds leads that result in the Navy SEALs raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In their way, all three are stories of American triumph, but told with wildly divergent tones. Lincoln is a saga of hope amid national tragedy, meticulously researched but a little emotionally remote because of its attention to Washington deal-making, 1860s-style. Zero



Ben Affleck accepts an award at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on Jan. 27.  
**JOHN SHEARER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/INVISION**

Dark Thirty is a bleak tale of uncertain patriotism, also meticulously researched but at times more than a little emotionally repugnant because of the questionable means it depicts in a righteous cause. Argo is the one that turns triumph into an end-zone dance. Affleck has taken knocks in the past over his acting, but in only his third film as director, he shows complete mastery of populist movie-making. He gives viewers great drama, great laughs, agonizing tension and an exultant finale, all while playing loose with the facts in a way audiences can forgive in the name of a terrific piece of entertainment.

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# The secret behind Nevermind

**Movie.** Dave Grohl's movie, *Sound City*, takes a particular interest in the studio where Nirvana found their break

Rock musician Dave Grohl set out to make a recording studio the subject of his first-ever film. He was intrigued not only by the studio but by a specific piece of recording equipment — a 1970s era sound board — that captured every note of music made there.

Geek city, right? It sounds like an idea any sane moviegoer would run from.

Instead, *Sound City* offers a colourful piece of music history, a candid examination of

changes wrought by technology and a defiant statement about not surrendering the human element in creativity. Grohl's rookie film, which made it to the Sundance movie festival, is being released theatrically Friday and is accompanied by an album featuring artists he interviewed.

"It honestly was more like a keg party with a camera than making a Hollywood film," he said.

Grohl knew nothing about the *Sound City* studio in Van Nuys, Calif., when he and fellow Nirvana members Kurt Cobain and Krist Novoselic booked a session to make *Nevermind* in 1991. Their California record company wanted Nirvana nearby to keep an eye on them and that at *Sound City* was cheap.

It was in a nondescript

neighbourhood and looked like a dump, with tired shag carpeting. Then Nirvana noticed all the gold records on the wall from artists who had recorded there: Fleetwood Mac, Tom Petty, Van Halen, REO Speedwagon, Guns 'n' Roses, Neil Young, Cheap Trick, Slayer, Rick Springfield and more.

After plugging in their instruments and running through *In Bloom*, Grohl and his mates discovered why. The sound, to their ears, was amaz-

ing. Nirvana had never been captured with such clarity and power before.

"You might have never heard of Nirvana if we had recorded in Hollywood with a fancy producer who made us sound like Def Leppard," he said. "The fact that that (sound) board made us sound like us is what people appreciated. To be reunited with it, honestly, it was like meeting your real parents for the first time."

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Dave Grohl's *Sound City* takes a colourful look at a piece of music history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The end



The cast of *How I Met Your Mother*, which includes Neil Patrick Harris and Cobie Smulders, will say goodbye after the show's ninth season. HANDOUT

**We'll finally know how he met your mother**

CBS says the big reveal is coming for *How I Met Your Mother*.

The network said Wednesday the sitcom will air its ninth and final season next fall.

And CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler

promised that TV's "most mysterious mother" will be unveiled as the show wraps up.

That would be the mysterious woman with whom Ted, played by Josh Radnor, ultimately has a family.

The sitcom's cast also includes Neil Patrick Harris, Cobie Smulders, Jason Segel and Alyson Hannigan.

20th Century Fox Television says all the actors will return for the 2013-14 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# 30 Rock cast faced a tearful ending

**Finale.** Jane Krakowski talks to Metro about the final episode and saying goodbye

MEREDITH ENGEL

Metro World News in New York

When we met up with Jane Krakowski at a Bank of America event over the holidays,

the star — who plays the excitable Jenna Maroney on 30 Rock — had just four days of filming left on the NBC sitcom. She filled us in on those final days on set.

**Her final table read wasn't easy**

It was tearful. Everyone was a little choked up because we actually acknowledge the show within the show ending, so it kind of brought

it all home for us. We'd kind of been living like, 'Yeah, I guess it's gonna end in a few episodes,' and suddenly we're here. But I think the writers did a great job finishing the characters the way you want them to, and, of course, in true 30 Rock wacky style.

**Could her character get any wackier?**

(Laughs) I don't know if

that's even possible, but I am going to miss playing her. I mean, she's so over-the-top and high above the line of reality. I'm gonna miss it.

**Why ending the show is so bittersweet**

I think it's a mixed bag of emotions. I'm excited to see what's next. I'm going to miss everybody terribly. It's just been such a great group of people, and I think that

everyone on the show knows that this is as good as it gets. I think we're all really proud of what we made and that we've made it on the air this long — it's a lot longer than we expected.

**What she's taking from the set**

It's funny, because of course you want to have some memento of the seven years — but I like to say stealing is a crime and I will not be partaking in any of that. There are numerous Jenna posters I could take, but I don't really need those in my home — large pictures of myself. I think Tina's taking the sign that says The Girlie Show before it was named TGS that Jenna destroyed by throwing something at, so it's kind of broken and she's taking it as it is. I don't

know. I'll certainly take away all my good memories.

**Why Ice-T popped up in the finale**

There is a Law & Order reference. I think he plays his Law & Order character. Coco was there — I think Coco's always with him. They're a sweet couple. Everyone on the set was very excited that Coco came, too.

**How she's saying goodbye**

It's going to be hard. There's about 300 people who work on our show, and so to say goodbye to each and every one of them — there will be days when you're walking on set and pass someone and you get really emotional. You think, 'Oh, I didn't realize, I'm gonna miss that guy' — those people that you see every single day.

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Jane Krakowski won't be stealing anything from the 30 Rock set. GETTY IMAGES

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Jennifer Lawrence

## Tip for Jennifer Lawrence: no more shopping trips now that you're famous

Oscar-nominee Jennifer Lawrence recently told Metro that her Silver Linings Playbook co-star Bradley Cooper had taught her that she can't go to the grocery store anymore now that she's famous.

"It's fine, I can get friends to get my groceries," she said last month.

But apparently Lawrence thought the height of awards season was a good time to try again, as she was spotted this week at a Los Angeles supermarket, buying groceries incognito under a large purple hat and a massive scarf, according to photo agency X-17.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Mayer more comfortable in front of the cameras

John Mayer is definitely mellowing when it comes to dealing with paparazzi.

"The way that the media plays a part in everyone's life has changed over the last several years," he tells RollingStone.com. "I mean, I used to be incredibly put off by somebody taking a picture, thinking as if in some way it was invading my brain. But all it is, is you can see where I was last weekend. That's all. And I think time has shown that nothing will be stolen from you. It's just a photograph of you and your dumb scarf that you put on because



it wouldn't fit in your suitcase. Cool."  
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## Lo and behold, Lindsay makes it to court

Lindsay Lohan wasn't too sick to fly after all. Despite reportedly being too under the weather to make it from New York back to L.A. this week for a Wednesday court date, the troubled actress showed up after all, wearing a little black dress and Louboutin heels, according to the Associated Press.

"I'm glad to see you're

feeling better," Judge Stephanie Sautner told Lohan at the hearing. Lohan pleaded not guilty to three misdemeanor counts stemming from a car crash last summer. If found guilty, she could face 245 days in jail because of probation violations. "She's on probation," Sautner said at the hearing. "The condition is that she obey all laws."

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TIPS

## Liquid Assets

Wash down  
game snacks

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When it comes to pairing liquids with solids, wine has the edge over its boozy competition. After all, you're not going to wash down haute cuisine with a brewski. Right?

It really depends on where you are.

In wine engaged cultures (like Italy), culinary artists evolved their industry in parallel with their compatriots in nearby vineyards. So, it makes sense that locals reach for vino when they put on the feed bag. Countries like the United Kingdom — where wine production is nearly non-existent — have a closer affinity to beer, which makes a good brew their dinner table mate.

Since the Super Bowl is this Sunday, I'm betting most of you will be serving pub-inspired fare and drinking like the Brits as you watch the game.

Not that you can't serve wine (think something white and off dry). It's just that aggressively flavoured finger food, the likes of Buffalo Chicken Tenders, calls for something thirst-quenching. While a crisp Euro or Canadian lager fits the bill, I prefer medium-bodied, lightly malted ales like Newcastle Brown Ale (500 ml, \$2.90 to \$3.49) from England's north east.

**PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Bite into lighter side  
of Super Bowl stapleBuffalo Chicken  
Tenders. Put aside the  
deep fryer and pop  
these crunchy snacks  
into the oven

The key food groups of Super Bowl are meat and melted cheese, preferably deep-fried. Buffalo-style chicken wings and chicken nuggets are just the sort of deep-fried deliciousness we're talking about. And this recipe marries the two, incredibly, in a way that satisfies the soul and keeps blood whistling through the old arteries.

The chicken is luxuriated in a buttermilk bath for several hours, after which it is coated with a mixture of breadcrumbs and panko (for extra crunch), and baked in the oven.

It's not quite as crispy as a deep-fried version, but it is nonetheless ridiculous-

ly flavourful. This effect is achieved by adding a blue cheese dipping sauce, which borrows one of the trademark ingredients of Buffalo chicken wings. Traditionally, wings are tossed in a mix of hot sauce and butter after they come out of hot oil. But you don't want to sog up your finished product, so dip the finished baked tenders, first in the hot sauce then in the blue cheese. This combo is a touchdown.

**1.** In bowl, combine garlic, salt, 2 tablespoons of hot sauce and 2 cups of the buttermilk. Whisk until salt dissolves. Add chicken tenders and stir to coat well with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 10 hours.

**2.** When ready to cook, heat oven to 425 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and spray it with olive oil cooking spray.

**3.** In shallow bowl combine whole-wheat and panko breadcrumbs. In another small bowl, whisk remaining 6 tablespoons of buttermilk, the mayonnaise, blue cheese and lemon juice. Transfer to ramekin for dipping. Pour remaining 1/4 cup of hot sauce into a second ramekin for dipping.

**4.** Use colander to drain chicken, but do not pat it dry. Dip each chicken piece in the breadcrumb mixture, making sure it is coated well on both sides. Arrange chicken in single layer on prepared baking sheet, then spritz tops with olive oil



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cooking spray.

**5.** Bake on oven's middle shelf for 10 minutes. Turn chicken pieces over and bake an additional 5 minutes, or until just

cooked through. Let cool few minutes, then transfer to a platter. Serve with both dipping sauces.

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## Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp hot sauce, divided
- 2 cups plus 6 tbsp buttermilk, divided
- 1 lb chicken tenders (or chicken breasts cut into 3-by-1-inch strips, 1/2-inch thick)
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat Italian seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice

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### On Stage: The Tragically Hip

Eleven-time JUNO award-winners The Tragically Hip are returning to Halifax for the first time since 2007. The Metro Centre hosts them and opening act Arkells Saturday night. Sure to tap into their more than 25 years of material, the band brings their 13th studio album, *Now For Plan A* to our shores for the first time. This Kingston-born five-man band is known for their powerful, energetic live performances so we're in for a treat. Visit: [sonicconcerts.com](http://sonicconcerts.com).



### On Display: 35 Days in Israel exhibit

From the creative mind of Tom Forrestall, and opening Friday at the Chase Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Public Archives, *35 Days in Israel* is a series of 25 watercolour paintings on paper captured during a trip to Israel in the fall of 2010. An opening reception with the artist takes place on Wednesday and the exhibit will remain on display through the month of February.



### Good eats: Dine Around

Ever wanted to sample the best that restaurants in Halifax had to offer? Of course you do — and now *Flavours of Nova Scotia* invites you to do just that with *Dine Around*. Starting tonight and continuing through the month of February, select local restaurants are offering delicious three-course meals. Hop onto the [edining.ca](http://edining.ca) website and check which restaurants are participating to make your plans — and readjust your diet — accordingly.



### On display: Powerful paintings from Pentz

Studio 21 hosts an exhibit featuring the works of LaHave River native Don Pentz and his wife Louise, a ceramic artist. Don Pentz paints powerful abstractions of the land in a lean palette of only canvas-white, black and a raw, earthy red. Louise Pentz's clay pieces are smoke-fired and have the quality of ancient artifacts. The Pentzs express some surprise that their work resembles each other's. Pentz's work is on display until Feb. 13.



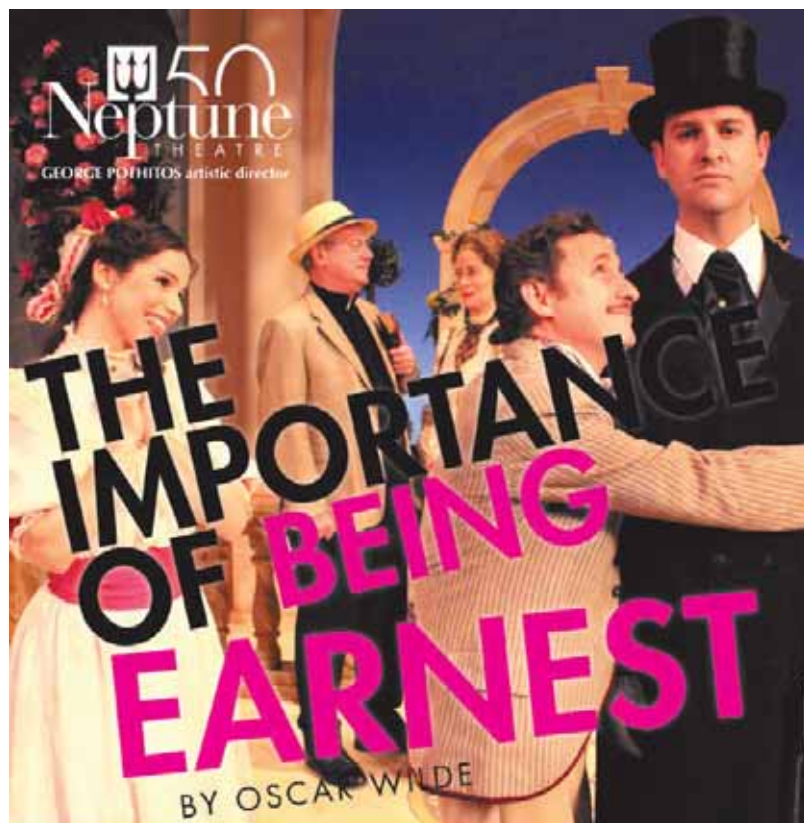
### Watch some sweet dreams

Charles Taylor Theatre & Media Arts Presents *Dreamgirls*, the popular musical fusing a blend of Soul, Motown and Gospel music. On stage Friday and Saturday, the story is set in the 1960s to the early 1980s and follows the dramatic story of a young female singing trio from Chicago — no, not *Destiny's Child* — who get their big break at an amateur competition. You loved the movie. Come see the play. Visit: [alderneylanding.com](http://alderneylanding.com)



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# BLACK HISTORY: THEN AND NOW

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Held annually, TD Then and Now showcases some of the brightest talents on the Canadian artistic and cultural scene. The work of these individual artists, together with contributions from cultural organizations, and even large cultural institutions, gives all Canadians a glimpse of the range, variety, and virtuosity of black artists in Canada today. It also celebrates the past. Through TD Then and Now, you can discover how black artists, writers, activists and everyday people helped shape the Canadian heritage we all now share.

February is, of course, Black History Month: First recognized by the House of Commons in 1995, following a motion introduced by the Hon. Jean Augustine, the first black Canadian woman elected to Parliament. Black History Month celebrates the achievements, past and



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present of the Canadian black community; now the third-largest visible minority community in Canada, with a population of more than 750,000. This population enjoyed 18 per cent growth between 2001 and 2006, due in part to an influx of new immigrants — each group bringing with it new art forms, cultural traditions and perspectives that enrich not only black

communities, but all Canadians.

Most of TD Then and Now's events take place during Black History Month. It holds events in four Canadian cities: Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto. To learn more about events near you, visit [blackartndialog.com](http://blackartndialog.com).

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## SECRET CODES UNTIL MARCH 10

TD Then and Now's series of Halifax events showcases some of Canada's top artistic talent.

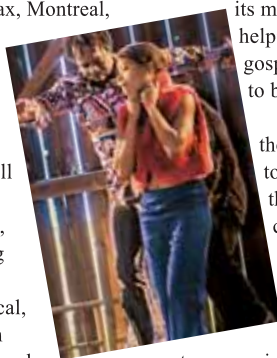
The Secret Codes, a presentation of the Black Artists' Network of Nova Scotia, is one of them. Open now through March 10, this exhibition of contemporary narrative and picture quilts explores the power and potential of quilting as a means of telling stories and preserving community history. All quilts in The Secret Codes exhibition were created by African-Nova Scotian quilt makers, inspired by the story of the Underground Railroad. Be sure to check out this event (and many more) in your area.

For more, see [blackartndialog.com](http://blackartndialog.com).

## MULTIPLE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT NEAR YOU

TD Then and Now will be hosting multiple events in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto this February and early March. Here are a few of the highlights:

The Charles Taylor Hall Theatre Society will perform its production of **Dreamgirls** Feb. 1-2, at the Alderney Landing Theatre, in Dartmouth, N.S. This popular musical, set in the 1960s through 1980s, details the trials and triumphs of a trio of young, black, female singers, who achieve superstardom through an amateur singing competition. This Canadian staging features a concert piece, alongside play excerpts, and boasts the talents of five professional artists and 10 emerging, established,



and community-based artists. Blending its moving story with a generous helping of soul, Motown and gospel music, this show is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Events in Montreal include the **Afrophyllia** concert series, to be held Feb. 6-28. Now in its third year, this concert series celebrates the worldwide artistic and cultural contributions of people of African descent. **Afrophyllia** 2013 opens with a special concert dedicated to reggae icon Bob Marley (born Feb. 6) by Montreal-based roots reggae band, Inword.

Montrealers will also enjoy the **Frobruary Festival**, a series of multidisciplinary presentations featuring music, conferences, workshops, and discussion. The festival, running Feb. 1-28, will focus



on identity issues within Canadian black communities. This year's guest speakers include Angela Davis, Jenny Salgado, and former governor general Michaëlle Jean.

From Feb. 4-9, Arc-En-Ciel d'Afrique

will present **Massimadi**, its Montreal festival of Afro-Caribbean lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) films and documentaries. Now in its fifth year, the festival will include a dozen film screenings, two conferences, a visual arts exhibition, and other special events designed to demystify homosexuality and transexuality within Montreal's black communities.

Acclaimed recording artist **Molly Johnson** will take the stage at the National

Arts Centre in Ottawa on March 8. Equally adept in the pop music, jazz, and blues genres, the Toronto-born, Juno Award-winning Johnson has won fans the world over, while confirming her place as one of Canada's preeminent performance artists.

Meanwhile, in Toronto, photojournalist Lesia Bailey will join forces with the Fourth Eye Gallery and Helping Hands International to present **The Visual Evolution of Dancehall Culture Within Toronto**. Open Feb. 1-16, this solo photography exhibition chronicles the evolution

of this city's distinctive Dancehall culture, covering everything from basement parties to international arena shows.

TD Then and Now celebrates black Canadian history and culture with programming both educational and entertaining. If you are an artist, or a member of a cultural organization, and you wish to be part of next year's Then and Now, look for the 2014 application form at [blackartndialog.com](http://blackartndialog.com). You will find yourself in good company.







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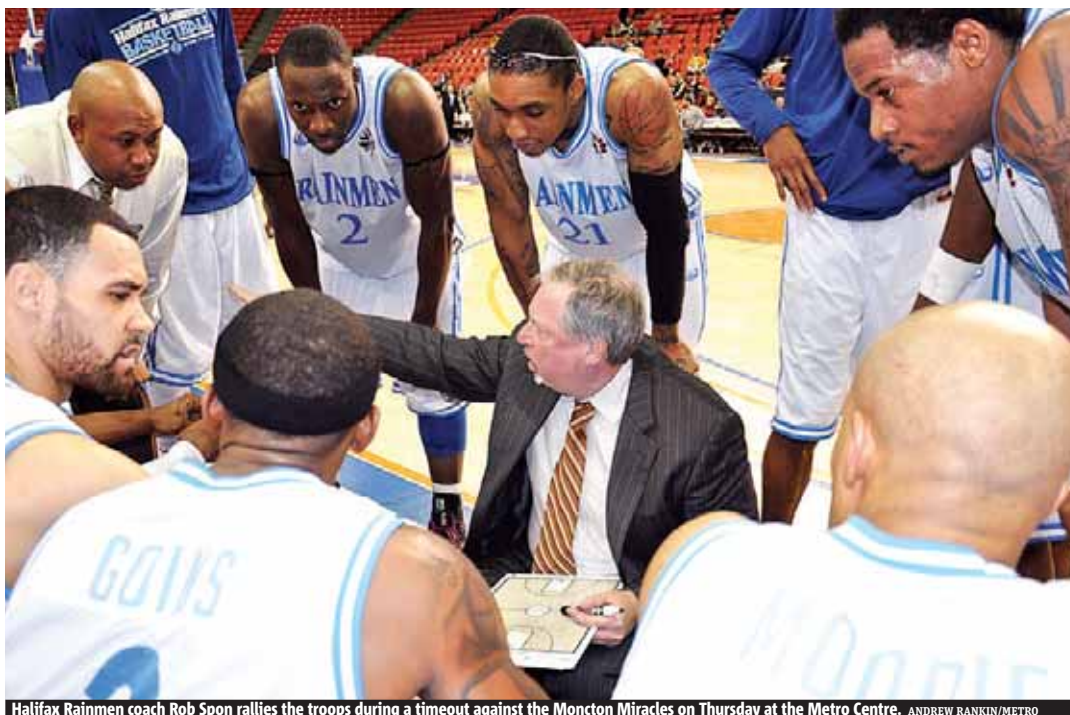
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Halifax Rainmen coach Rob Spon rallies the troops during a timeout against the Moncton Miracles on Thursday at the Metro Centre. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

# Rainmen win a thriller vs. Miracles

**NBL Canada.** After squandering early lead Halifax finds a way to secure the victory against Moncton



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It was way too close for comfort but in the end the Halifax Rainmen avoided another collapse at the hands of the Moncton Miracles, pulling out a 108-103 victory in front of 1,623 fans at the Metro Centre

## Quoted

**"It just felt really good to win this game and be able to hold onto the win."** Halifax Rainman guard Cedric Moodie

on Thursday night.

The Rainmen led by as many as 15 points 4:04 into the second quarter but like the last time these two squads met at the Metro Centre when Halifax lost to Moncton after squandering a 21-point lead on Dec. 23, the visitors roared back to take a 79-78 lead at 9:29 of the fourth quarter.

But instead of folding this time around, the Rainmen found a way to cushion the

lead after Rainmen forward Quinnet Brown gave the home squad a razor-thin 80-79 advantage and Cedric Moodie's clutch three opened a 98-94 lead with 44 seconds left in regulation.

"I'm just glad we were able to close it out," said Moodie. "It felt really good to hit a big shot like that to help my team win a really important game."

With the win the Rainmen improve to 15-15. The Rain-

men last had back-to-back victories on Jan. 1.

"It feels really good to finally put two games in a row together," said Moodie. "I think we're really peaking going into the playoffs."

Halifax guard Melvin Goins had a stellar game, leading the Rainmen with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Seven Rainmen ended up in double figures in scoring while shooting a terrific 48 per cent from the field.

Moncton's Devin Sweetney poured in a game-high 31 points to go with 11 rebounds.

The Rainmen are back in action on the road against the Montreal Jazz on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

## QMJHL

### Mooseheads get shutout victory over Saguenéens

The Halifax Mooseheads followed up a tough home loss with an emphatic 7-0 shutout victory over the Chicoutimi Saguenéens in front of a crowd of 3,283 at the Centre Georges-Vézina on Thursday night.

Halifax's Jonathan Drouin had two goals and two assists, extending his point streak to 13 games (11 goals and 15 assists). Halifax's top line of Drouin, Nathan MacKinnon and Martin Frk combined for 10 points in a rough and tumble contest. Nine roughing calls were handed out during the game.

MacKinnon got Halifax on the board just 38 seconds into the first period and Drouin added two more, including a beautiful dangle marker that caused a buzz on Twitter, to give the Mooseheads a commanding 3-0 lead after the first period.

"We came out of the gate with a lot of intensity, we took away their time and space," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "I thought we played a solid all-round game."

Mooseheads captain Stefan Fournier tallied once and Frk scored twice in the second. MacKenzie Weegar scored in the third.

Mooseheads defence-man Brendan Duke was back in the lineup after being out since Jan. 9 with a shoulder injury, and registered an assist.

Halifax's Ryan Falkenham left the game early in the second period after taking a hit to the head. Ducharme said he kept Falkenham out of the contest for precautionary reasons.

The Mooseheads (40-5-2) continue their road stint on Friday against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar (34-12-2) at 8:30 p.m. **METRO**

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Hurricanes blue-liner Tim Gleason lands a right on Bruins forward Milan Lucic on Monday in Raleigh, N.C. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# NHLers acting out after the lockout

**NHL.** Pent-up aggression, giving fans what they want and trying to keep a roster spot among reasons for increase in fisticuffs

Wanna fight?

If you're an NHL player, you can probably find somebody to drop the gloves.

A lockout-delayed and shortened season has created a spike in fights around the league, just as it did the last time labour woes led to a 48-game season.

There were 58 fights through the first 87 games this year, following play on Tuesday night, an increase from 39 after the same number of games last season, according to STATS. During the 1994-95 season,

## Quoted

**"For me, personally, nothing is staged. It's spontaneous. It's all about the eye contact. You kind of say, 'Let's do it,' without saying a word."**

Red Wings forward Jordin Tootoo

there were 83 fights over the first 87 games of that lockout-shortened slate, a jump from 58 during the same stretch the previous season.

"Obviously, you have a situation where the players are being thrown into the immediate intensity of a shortened season and that certainly may play a role," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly wrote Thursday in an email to The Associated Press. "We monitor these things as well, and the number of fighting majors have decreased significantly and begun to normalize over the last week. I expect that will

continue over the balance of the season."

There were, in fact, fewer fighting penalties than games on Monday for the first time since the season started with 12 fights in 13 games. And on Wednesday, there were six fights in four games.

Nashville forward Richard Clune acknowledges he's fighting for his job. Clune has been trying to make it back in the NHL since playing in 14 games with the Los Angeles Kings three years ago. He was in three fights in his first five games.

Clune didn't play in Nash-

## By the numbers

**16**

There were a season-high 16 fights in 10 games on Tuesday, with Red Wings forward Jordin Tootoo fighting two different players in the first period against the Stars.

ville's opener when star defenceman Shea Weber got into a rare fight with Columbus forward Jared Boll, the first NHL player to five fights this season. Clune, perhaps not coincidentally, was in the lineup for the next game and tried to make his presence felt right away by getting penalized for boarding in the opening minutes.

"I play hard and get in the other team's faces and sometimes it results in dropping the gloves," Clune said in a telephone interview before playing on the road against the Kings.

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## NHL. Maple Leafs eke out first home win of season



Leafs forward Matt Frattin celebrates his game-winning goal against the Capitals on Thursday night in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nikolai Kulemin and Matt Frattin scored third-period goals to give the Toronto Maple Leafs their first home win of the season in a 3-2 comeback victory over the Washington Capitals in NHL play Thursday night.

Kulemin tied it at 2-2 at 7:40 of the third period, poking in a puck that squeezed through Michal Neuvirth's legs from a Michael Kostka shot from the point. As the Caps goalie tried in vain to squeeze his pads, Kulemin reached behind and nudged the puck in for his first of the year.

Frattin made it 3-2, capping off a nice passing play with

Nazem Kadri at 9:53 of the third by tapping in the puck for his fourth goal — and sixth point — in four games.

The Leafs lived dangerously in the final minutes, with the Caps pressing.

James van Riemsdyk also scored for Toronto (4-3-0), which outshot Washington 40-22. The Leafs had their chances to take control earlier in the game, but lack of clinical finishing and failure to convert numerous power-play opportunities frustrated them before 19,374 people at the Air Canada Centre.

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## In memoriam

### Moore succumbs to injuries after snowmobile crash

Caleb Moore, an innovative freestyle snowmobile rider who was hurt in a crash at the Winter X Games in Colorado, died Thursday morning. He was 25.

Moore was being treated at a hospital in Grand Junction since the Jan. 24 crash. Family spokeswoman Chelsea Lawson confirmed his death, the first in the 18-year history of the X Games.

"He lived his life to the

fullest. He was an inspiration," Lawson said.

Moore was attempting a backflip when his snowmobile caught the lip of the landing area, sending him over the handlebars. He landed face first in the snow with his snowmobile rolling over him.

Moore eventually walked off with help and went to hospital with a concussion.

He developed bleeding around his heart and was flown to Grand Junction for surgery. The family later said that Moore also had a complication involving his brain.

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### Lefty usurps Phoenix record

Phil Mickelson smiles after the first round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open on Thursday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Mickelson shot a course record 11-under par 60 for the round. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Rudy Gay trade

### Raps' Lowry thrilled about new addition

Kyle Lowry will happily call the Toronto Raptors his team, and is excited about sharing it with one of his best friends.

While Lowry said it was tough to lose Jose Calderon and Ed Davis in Wednesday's deal to acquire Rudy Gay, he was talking up his new teammate to reporters on Thursday, saying the team was getting a "superstar."

There will be an immediate level of comfort between Lowry and Gay. The two are good friends — Gay is godfather to Lowry's son — and as Lowry pointed out, "I've already passed the ball to Rudy before, so ... when he's here, it's going to be an easy transition for him and for our team I believe."

The deal that sent fan favourite Calderon ultimately to Detroit propelled Lowry back into the starting point guard position.

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## Super Bowl preview.

Both Ravens and 49ers, led by sibling head coaches, ready to battle in New Orleans

The San Francisco 49ers never have tasted defeat in a Super Bowl, going 5-0. It's the most impressive mark for any franchise in the big game.

Baltimore also is undefeated, with the Ravens winning their only appearance, in 2001.

Someone will have the Super Bowl blabs for the first time after Sunday's title game in the Superdome.

The Ravens, who are 3 1/2-point underdogs, are on one of those runs reminiscent of recent NFL champions. Indeed,

### Road to the Super Bowl

- Baltimore's path to New Orleans led through New England, where the Ravens fell to the Patriots in last year's AFC title game. But they outscored the Patriots 21-0 in the second half to earn their spot in the Super Bowl.

- San Francisco also came up one win short a year ago, losing to the Giants for the NFC championship. That defeat has driven the 49ers just as much as the Ravens' failure in 2011 lifted them.

the New York Giants reached the Super Bowl a year ago in a similar manner, winning a wild-card game at home, then two playoffs on the road, including an overtime thriller.

The Giants got healthy down the stretch, something the Ravens have replicated, particularly on defence where star linebackers Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs are giving vintage performances following injury-shortened seasons.

"That's what's been our road," Lewis said. "No matter who's been up, who's been down, who's been hurt, who's been injured. We found a way to pick each other up."

These Niners are built around a physical, stingy defence — that also has been the Ravens' persona for years, although not as much in 2012 as in Lewis's other 17 pro seasons. Linebacker Patrick Willis, who like Lewis wears No. 52 and is a perennial All-Pro, is the anchor.

"As a kid, you grew up watching," Willis said. "Last year we were one game away. To be able to be here is truly special."

To make it extra special, San Francisco's offence will need to outdo Baltimore's. The Ravens have scored 90 points in three games, and the Niners have 73 in two.

Baltimore's defence has made big plays against Andrew Luck, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Now it gets an entirely different type of quarterback, Colin Kaepernick. His combination of running skill, powerful arm and surprising cool for a second-year pro makes him particularly dangerous against the Ravens. Baltimore does not have the fastest defence in the



San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore runs a drill during practice on Thursday in New Orleans. The 49ers are set to play the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl on Sunday. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Quoted

"I believe we have found a way to believe in each other, and nothing else matters."

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who will retire after the game, on his team's attitude.

## Forgotten QB Taylor will be waiting in the wings on Sunday



Baltimore Ravens backup quarterback Tyrod Taylor runs with the ball against the Cincinnati Bengals Dec. 30, 2012, in Cincinnati. ANDY LIONS/GETTY IMAGES

Tyrod Taylor is the forgotten quarterback at the Super Bowl.

Everyone knows the starters, of course, Baltimore's Joe Flacco and San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick.

They even know about Alex Smith, who started for the 49ers until he was sidelined with a concussion in November and Kaepernick stepped in.

And Taylor? His resumé can be summed up on the top half of an index card: Two years, no starts and 30 passes — 25 of them in the Ravens' meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati last month.

That's because Flacco has started every game during the past five seasons and never has missed a down because of injury or ineffectiveness.

Still, Taylor knows he's only one play away from getting into the Super Bowl, and for that reason he's practising hard this week as Sunday's championship game draws near.

"There are so many situations throughout the league where the next guy is called in, so you can't look at how many straight games Joe has played without being

league.

Then again, the 49ers must deal with Joe Flacco, the only QB to win a post-season game in each of his first five seasons. Flacco also has six road playoff

victories, a league record.

While the Ravens and 49ers play for each other, the Harbaugh brothers, John of the Ravens and Jim of the 49ers, will go against each other in

the first Super Bowl featuring sibling head coaches. They've had fun with the topic this week, but it will be as serious as football can get on Sunday.

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### 'Operation Red Zone'

#### Officials nab phoney merch

Investigators have confiscated more than \$13.6 million US worth of phoney sports merchandise over the past five months and expect to seize more in New Orleans during Super Bowl week, a federal law-enforcement official said Thursday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said authorities also have shut down more than 300 websites selling counterfeit goods as part of an enforcement effort dubbed "Operation Red Zone." The operation targeted international shipments of jerseys, hats and other souvenirs entering the U.S. for sale by stores, flea markets and street vendors.

And federal investigators say they have intelligence that shows even the Mexican drug cartels are getting involved in the counterfeit NFL black market trade because they can make quick money by selling fake jerseys in flea markets and parking lots.

In September, for example, HSI's newly created trade enforcement unit seized dozens of counterfeit San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings and Miami Dolphins jerseys around New Mexico.

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### Performance enhancer

#### No HGH tests despite deal

Count Baltimore Ravens defensive end Arthur Jones among those NFL players who want the league and union to finally agree on a way to do blood testing for human growth hormone.

"It would be fair to do blood testing," Jones said. "Hopefully they figure it out."

When the Ravens face the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday, two seasons will have come and gone without a single HGH test being administered, even though the league and the NFL Players Association paved the way for it in the 10-year collective bargaining agreement they signed in August 2011.

Since then, the sides have haggled over various elements, primarily the union's insistence that it needs more information about the validity of a test that is used by Olympic sports and Major League Baseball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Arthur Jones GETTY IMAGES

### Wrinkle in Ravens attack?

The 49ers are preparing for Tyrod Taylor, too.

- While Flacco is a traditional pocket passer, Taylor is just as likely to scoot downfield as throw the ball.
- He ran for 65 yards in a game against the Bengals, and at Virginia Tech he set a school record for rushing yards by a quarterback (2,196).

injured," Taylor said. "You never know what can happen at any second of the game. I have to be ready to take over if that happens."

Being a backup QB is a role Taylor takes seriously. He isn't in the Big Easy this week to take a stroll on Bourbon Street or munch on beignets.

"You have to be ready to play," Taylor said. "That's how you have to carry yourself throughout the week as far as preparation. You have to be physically prepared and mentally prepared because you never know when the opportunity may come."

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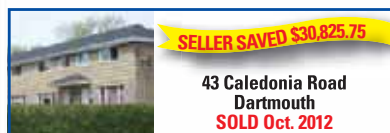
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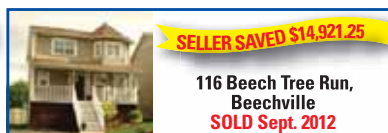
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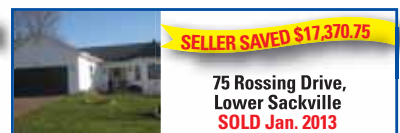
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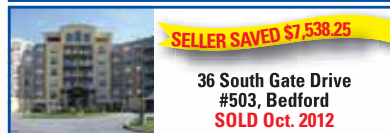
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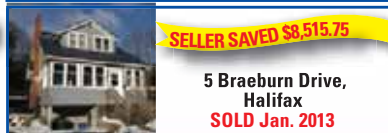
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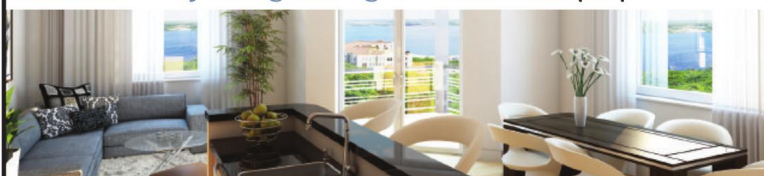
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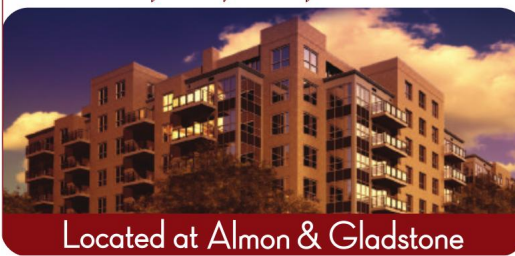
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## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will do your reputation, and maybe your bank balance too, a heap of good today by doing something that takes friends and family by surprise. People expect you to think and act in certain ways — so prove them wrong.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Whatever you do and however you do it, people will applaud you for a job well done. Both at home and at work you are leading a charmed life at the moment. Make the most of it. You know it won't last!

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

What you dream of now will come true in the near future, so dream away to your heart's content. It may be that certain people are not taking you seriously but they will soon learn the error of their ways.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be tempted to treat life as a bit of a joke over the next 24 hours, and most likely you are right to do so. The things that other people get worked up about are not worth the time or effort.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Anything is possible if you want it enough. If you really, truly desire something you will find a way to get it. Keep that thought in mind not just today but throughout the coming month. And act on it.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You won't lack for self-belief today but watch out you don't get overly confident and make a mess of a task you could usually do with your eyes closed. You know what comes before a fall, don't you? Pride.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try to be a bit more cautious in your decisions today, especially if you are involved in a project that could cost you rather a lot if it goes wrong. Remember: There is no such thing as a sure thing.

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

This looks like an excellent day for affairs of the heart. If there is someone you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to get up closer. Make contact and look for ways to spark a romance.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how daunting the task that faces you today you will make a good job of it. The most important step is the first one, so stop worrying that you are out of your depth and get cracking.

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't push yourself too hard today. Jupiter, planet of excess, is now moving forwards again through the wellbeing area of your chart, so you may be tempted to do something rash. You'll regret it in the morning.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your task for the day is to help others — not just friends and family but people you meet out in the world as well. The best way to help, as always, is to lead by example. No one does it better than you.

## ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's OK to have fun — in fact it's essential — but don't go overboard and forget that you still have chores to finish and duties to fulfill. The harder you work now, the happier your weekend will be.

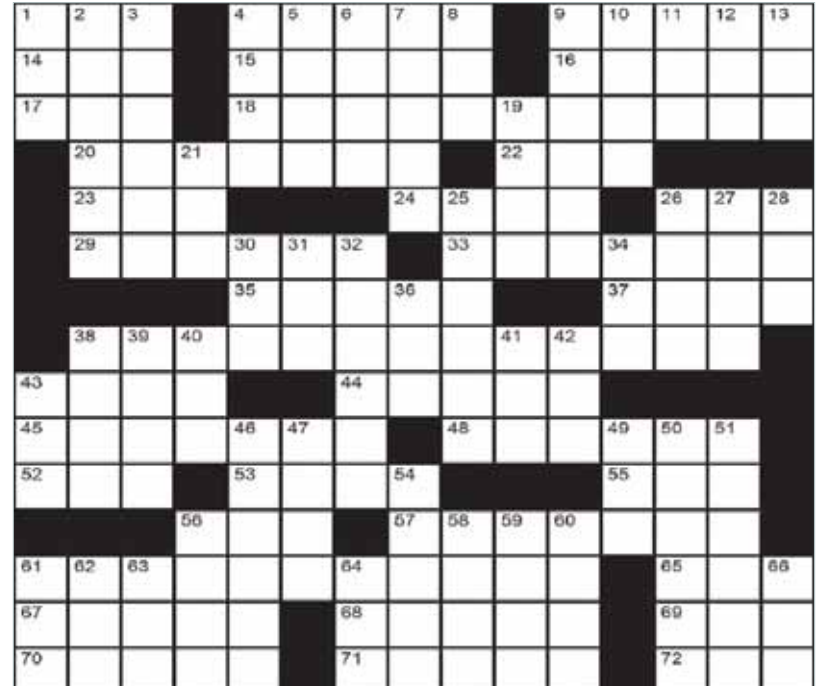
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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

## Across

1. On the 3rd of \_\_, 1959 - The Day the Music Died
4. "La \_\_" by Ritchie Valens
9. "Raining in My \_\_" by Buddy Holly
14. Card deck symbol
15. Distant
16. \_\_-Loompa
17. Fluffy scarf
18. The art of DJ-ing as music performance
20. Plotted
22. Acronym for time as yet unknown
23. The \_\_ (Sault Ste. Marie's nickname)
24. Wrapped garment
26. Soft & \_\_ (Antiperspirant brand)
29. Habituates to hardship [var. sp.]
33. Did this " \_\_"
35. .pdf files program, \_\_ Acrobat
37. Car trip stopovers
38. 1958 hit for The Big Bopper: 2 wds.
43. Trompe l'\_\_ (Visual illusion)
44. Heighten
45. Winnipeg intersection, \_\_ and Main
48. Some antelopes
52. The Waste Land poet's monogram
53. Born and \_\_
55. "Phooey!"
56. Commerce grad's letters
57. Gordon Lightfoot's birthplace in Ontario
61. Northwest Territories capital
65. Sob
67. Characteristic
68. Actress Anna
69. Supplement
70. Swiped card
71. Movie reviewers, e.g.
72. Serpent's sound

1. \_\_ Four (Beatles)
2. Nouvelle-\_\_ = Nova Scotia
3. Lighthouse



4. Diminish
5. Grad
6. Extra
7. Glues
8. Toward the ship's stern
9. The \_\_ = Bilbo Baggins
10. Orlando's Lake \_\_
11. Pierre's friend
12. Fast rotation meas.
13. Scottish hat
19. Bell town in a Longfellow poem
21. NBA's Rockets, on scoreboards
25. Antarctic penguin
26. Therefore: French
27. Celine's manager/hubby
28. Egos and \_\_
30. Sprinted
31. Summer hrs. indicator
32. Evening party
34. Ms. Carrere
36. "Yeck."
38. Prezzes
39. Contract
40. Supermodel Carol
41. Fashionable monogram
42. Ms. Michele of "Glee"
43. Select
46. First Canadian-born Prime Minister, John \_\_

47. 'Mc' add-on (Dr. Phil's last name)
49. Patriots org.
50. Frees from frost
51. Jets rivals in "West Side Story"
54. Teutonic thunder god
56. Old Rome's 1052
58. Rihanna's nickname
59. " \_\_ ain't broke...": 2 wds.
60. Fewer
61. Since Jan. 1st on a financial rpt.
62. Poetically before
63. Popular li'l dog
64. The Col.'s eatery
66. Qui's meaning

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

5	7	8	1	2	3	4	9	6
2	6	1	7	9	4	5	3	8
9	3	4	6	5	8	7	2	1
6	4	9	3	7	1	8	5	2
3	8	2	9	6	5	1	7	4
1	5	7	4	8	2	9	6	3
8	2	3	5	1	9	6	4	7
4	9	6	8	3	7	2	1	5
7	1	5	2	4	6	3	8	9

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5				3	9			

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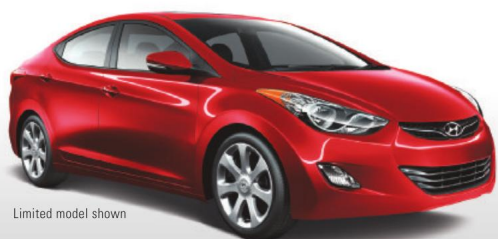
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